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Over-snow vehicle use designation planning

Several corrections in proposed action

QUINCY, Calif. – November 17, 2015 – The proposed action for the Forest Service environmental impact statement (EIS) dealing with over-snow vehicle use on the Plumas National Forest has been corrected in several locations.

“The page 7 correction related to bald eagle nest site use is likely to generate the most interest,” said Daniel Lovato, Acting Forest Supervisor. He noted that language referring to nest sites being “currently occupied (spring 2015)” was corrected to read “previously used.” Corrections are in red and easy to locate on pages 4, 6 & 7.

The corrected proposed action, opportunities for comment and other information is available at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47124> . Answers to commonly asked questions including some about bald eagle nest sites may be found at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/plumas> .

Members of the public interested in commenting during this phase of the project now have until November 30, 2015 to submit their feedback as the comment period was extended for a second time.

Designating OSV use on the Forest will ensure over-snow vehicle activity (such as snowmobile riding and trail grooming) is effectively managed to: provide access; ensure OSV use when there is adequate snow; promote the safety of all users; enhance public enjoyment; minimize impacts to natural and cultural resources; and minimize conflicts among users.

The forest will release a draft EIS around February 2017 for another round of public comment to be considered in the development of the final EIS. A decision on the project will be made following the completion of a final EIS in August 2017.

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